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In re Application of: JIANG et al.

Title: METHODS FOR MODIFYING PLANT BIOMASS

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Examiner: Collins, C.E.

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reference to the above-referenced application, please consider and make of record the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants request an additional one (1) month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Official action. Paper No. 11, mailed 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2002, thereby allowing Applicants until 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2003, the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2003, being a Sunday, to respond. In addition, Applicants request entry of the following amendments to the application. The response is appended to show the changes made to the specification and claims, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.